

Docket No. 00-0484
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BEFORE THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC. :

Application for a certificate of :
resale and facilities-based local and resale :
interexchange authority to operate as a reseller :
and facilities-based carrier of telecommunications :
services throughout the State of Illinois. :

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE TO BECOME A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER

GENERAL

1. Applicant's Name(including d/b/a, if any)

FEIN # _____

Premiere Network Services, Inc.

Address: 1510 N. Hampton Road, Suite 120

City: DeSoto State/Zip Texas 75115

2. Authority Requested: (Mark all that apply) ☒ 13-403 ☒ 13-404 ☒ 13-405

3. Request for waivers/variances: In applications for exchange service authority under Sections 13-404 or 13-405, waivers of Part 710 and of Section 735.180 of Part 735 are generally requested. In applications for interexchange service authority under Sections 13-403 and 13-404, waivers of Part 710 and Part 735 are generally requested. Please indicate which waivers Applicant is requesting.

☒ Part 710 ☒ Part 735 ☒ Section 735.180 ☐ Other

4. In what area of the state does the Applicant propose to provide service?

Statewide

5. Please attach a sheet designating contact persons to work with Staff on the following:
Please see Attachment 1.

- a) issues related to processing this application
- b) consumer issues
- c) customer complaint resolution
- d) technical and service quality issues
- e) "tariff" and pricing issues
- f) 9-1-1 issues
- g) security/law enforcement

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Please identify each contact person's (i) name, (ii) title, (iii) mailing address, (iv) telephone number, (v) facsimile number, and (vi) e-mail address, if any.

6. Please check type of organization?

☐ Individual ☒ Corporation
☐ Partnership Date corporation was formed May 16, 1986
In what state? Texas
☐ Other (Specify)

7. Submit a copy of articles of incorporation and a copy of certificate of authority to transact business in Illinois.
Please see Attachment 2.

8. List jurisdictions in which Applicant is offering service(s).

None

9. Has the Applicant, or any principal in Applicant, been denied a Certificate of Service or had its certification revoked or suspended in any jurisdiction in this or another name?

☐ YES (Please provide details) ☒ NO

10. Have there been any complaints against the Applicant in any other jurisdiction?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, describe fully. _____

11. Will the Applicant keep its books and records in Illinois? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If NO, permission pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm Code Part 250 needs to be requested.

Applicant request permission to keep its books and records outside of Illinois pursuant to 83 Ill Adm Code Part 250.

MANAGERIAL

12. Please attach evidence of the applicant's managerial and technical resources and ability to provide service. This may be in either narrative form, resumes of key personnel, or a combination of these forms.

Please see Attachment 3.

13. List officers of Applicant.

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14. Does any officer of Applicant have an ownership or other interest in any other entity which has provided or is currently providing telecommunications services? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, list entity. _____

15. How will Applicant bill for its service(s)? In-house billing system utilizing Portal software.

16. How does Applicant propose to handle service, billing, and repair complaints?

In-house customer service staffed during normal business hours. After hour requests will go to voice mail box to page the on-call person.

17. Will personnel be available at Applicant's business office during regular working hours to respond to inquiries about service or billing? ☒ YES ☐ NO

18. What telephone number(s) would a customer use to contact your company?

1-888-773-4374

19. What are your procedures to prevent unauthorized "slamming" of customers?

Letter of authorization will be required before switching, in addition to third-party verification. Applicant will adhere to Federal and State mandated "slamming" procedures and regulations.

20. If granted authority to operate as a local exchange carrier, will the applicant abide by the following 83 Illinois Administrative Code Parts: 705, 710, 720, 725, 735, 755, 756, 757, 770, and 772?

☒ YES ☐ NO (If no, please provide an explanation.)

21. Will the applicant sign and return membership forms to the Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation and the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation? ☒ YES ☐ NO

FINANCIAL

22. Please attach evidence of applicant's financial fitness through the submission of its most current income statement and balance sheet, or other appropriate documentation of applicant's financial resources and ability to provide service.

Please see Attachment 4.

TECHNICAL

23. Does Applicant utilize its own equipment and/or facilities? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, please list:

If NO, which facility provider(s)'s services does Applicant use?

Premiere Network Services, Inc. does not currently own and will not initially own its own equipment or facilities. Premiere intends to launch service by reselling the services and purchasing Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) from the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Ameritech and GTE. These UNE's will include switching and transport facilities as well as loop and sub-loop components.

24. Please describe the nature of service to be provided (e.g., operator services, Internet, debit cards, long distance service, local service).

Premiere Network Services, Inc. will provide the following telecommunication services. Primarily, Premiere intends to offer consumers in the State of Illinois value-added options by not only being in a position to specify telecommunications enhancements which embrace emerging technologies, but to actively implement them for consumers. Premiere anticipates the scope of services will include, but not be limited to:

- >= OC-12 SONET Access Facilities
- Asynchronous Transfer Mode Services (ATM)
- ISDN/ADSL Services
- T1/T3 Services, including T1/T3 upgrades to SONET OC-n
- Integrated Wide Area Network Management Systems
- Fault-Tolerant Network Assemblies for Disaster Recovery

Premiere also anticipates offering services aimed at the following applications, utilizing a variety of Custom Network Services and Delivery Systems for:

- Native LAN Connectivity
- Supporting Business Resumption Centers
- Televaulting and Remote Data Archiving
- Teleradiology and Medical Applications
- Education
- Remote Service Applications

In order to provide a complete range of services Premiere plans to provide the following traditional services:

- Local exchange and extended area service, toll restriction, call management features, touch tone, Caller ID services, and any other services available on a resale or unbundled network element basis from the incumbent local exchange carrier or other certificated carriers within Applicant's service area. Applicant will provide operator services, but through its interconnection arrangements with incumbent local exchange carriers, along with 911/E911 Emergency Services, directory assistance, operator assisted calling and toll-free calling services.

In summary, Premiere is planning to provide the following emerging Competitive Telecommunications Services:

- Advanced Features
- Premium Services
- InterLATA Toll Services
- IntraLATA Toll Services
- Switched Access Services
- Private Line Services

Premiere intends to launch service by reselling the services of and purchasing Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) from the incumbent local exchange carriers in Nevada. The UNEs Premiere proposes to purchase include Dark Fiber, High-Capacity Loops, ADSL and XDSL Loops, Sub-Loop Components, Local Switching and Local Transport.

25. Will technical personnel be available at all times to assist customers with service problems? X YES
 ___ NO

26. If Applicant intends to provide payphone service, will the equipment utilized comply with FCC requirements and Finding (9) of the Commission Order entered in Docket No. 84-0442 on June 11, 1986, including, but not limited to: (a) touch dialing; (b) access to 9-1-1 and "0" operator dialing without use of a coin; (c) rules governing use of payphones by disabled persons; (d) ability to complete local and long-distance calls; (e) unlimited duration for local calls; and (f) a message explaining the telephone's general operations, dialing instructions for emergency assistance, payphone owner's name, method of reporting service problems and method of receiving credit for faulty calls? _____ YES _____ NO

N/A

Terri K. Fisstein
 (Signature of Applicant)

VERIFICATION

This application shall be verified under oath.

OATH

State of Maryland
County of Anne Arundel)ss

Terri F. Firestein makes oath and says that she is Consultant to Premiere Network Services, Inc.
(Name of affiant) (Official title of the affiant)

of PREMIERE NETWORK SERVICES, INC.
(Legal title or name of the Applicant)

and that she has examined the foregoing application and that to the best of her knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained in the said application are true, and the said application is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the above-named applicant in respect to each and every matter set forth therein.

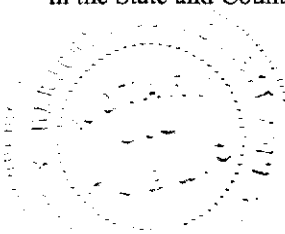
Terri K. Firestein
(Signature of affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public/

Margaret Kimball, Notary Public
(Title of person authorized to administer oaths)

in the State and County above named, this 6th day of July 2000

Margaret Kimball
(Signature of person authorized to administer oath)



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